S.No.	Name of Schemes	States where Implemented
18.	Integrated Development of Spices	All States
19.	Investment in Debentures of LDBs	All States

Impact of Industry Intrusion in Sea Water

1738. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item published under caption 'Study Blames Industry for Sea Water Intrusion' in the Times of India (Ahmedabad edition) dated the February 6, 1999;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this has had a large impact on the agricultural areas on coastal belts and Kutch District in Gujarat resulting in migration of farmers; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures have been taken by Government to handle the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report published in the paper indicates sea water intrusion due to overdrawal of ground water by Industries in Kutch district.

(c) Yes, this has been noticed in the coastal areas of Saurashtra and Kutch districts.

(d) Government of Gujarat (Narmada Water Resources and Water Supply Department, Gujarat) appointed high Level Committee I&II in the year 1976 & 1978 respectively, to study and recommend measures to counter problems of ingress of Salinity in the coastal areas of Saurashtra and Kutch. As recommended by these committees, the salinity ingress prevention works were taken up since the year 1980. Under the Salinity control Techniques, the construction of Tidal Regulators, Bandharas & Static barriers have been taken up. So far an expenditure of Rs. 214 crore has been incurred to recover an area of 13942 ha.

Cyclone Situation in the Country

1739. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the cyclone situation during 1998, Statewise;

(b) if so, the details of States badly affected as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government have received memoranda from the State Governments (including Gujarat State) on the cyclone;

(d) if so, the details thereof, Statewise;

(e) the assistance released so far as relief/compensation etc.,

(f) the steps taken by Government to meet such situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) As per available information, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Orissa, Rajasthan and West Bengal were affected by cyclone during 1998. Gujarat was the worst affected in terms of human lives lost and damage to houses.

(c) and (d) The Memorandum submitted by the Government of Gujarat for assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) is under process in accordance with the established proce-